

Please add the following new claim:

-- 5. A laser welding method as claimed in claim 2 wherein said  
laser beam 2 is weaved in a direction substantially perpendicular to the  
*a2* welding advanced direction. --

REMARKS

In the foregoing amendments, Claim 3 was 3 amended to remove its multiple dependency, and Claim 5 was added to the application. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE." Early consideration and allowance of Claims 1-5 are respectfully requested.

In the event any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this application, it is respectfully requested that such fees be charged to our Deposit Account No. 22-0256.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 3 was amended as follows:

-- 3. (Amended) A laser welding method as claimed in claim 1 [or 2]

wherein said laser beam 2 is weaved in a direction substantially perpendicular  
to the welding advanced direction. --

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